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We are the sole inventors of the invention described and claimed in U.S. patent application serial number 09/656,084;

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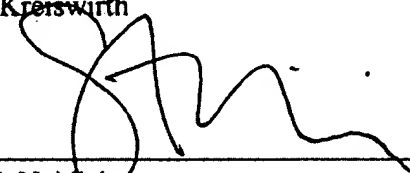
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